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**Clerk, U.S. District Court
District Of Montana
Missoula**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Cause No. CR 06-20-BU-DWM
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	ORDER DENYING MOTION
)	TO REDUCE SENTENCE
CHAD EVERETT MEEKS,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

On January 17, 2013, the Clerk of Court received a letter from Defendant Chad Meeks, a federal prisoner proceeding pro se. On June 15, 2007, Meeks was sentenced to a term of 36 months in prison. Judgment (doc. 21) at 2. He asks for a six-month reduction to improve his chances of being placed in a halfway house, which, in turn, might result in his obtaining a pass to attend his daughter's graduation.

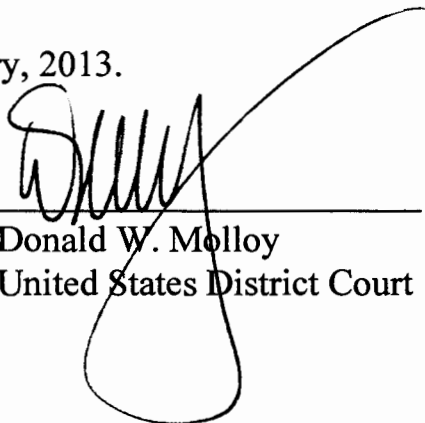
The Clerk has no authority to alter a judgment. Consequently, the letter is construed as a motion to the Court to reduce the sentence.

Once a sentence is imposed, a court's authority to alter it is limited. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c). The Director of the Bureau of Prisons has not filed a motion to reduce the

sentence. *Id.* § 3582(c)(1)(A). He has not shown that the Sentencing Commission has lowered his guideline range. *Id.* § 3582(c)(2). More than fourteen days have passed since judgment was entered. Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(a). The United States has not filed a motion to reduce the sentence. Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(b). Meeks has not filed a motion to vacate, set aside, or correct the sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The Court is not aware of any other statutory authority that authorizes a reduction of the sentence. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(B). The law does not permit the Court to do what Meeks asks.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Meeks's letter, construed as a motion to the Court to reduce the sentence (doc. 24), is DENIED.

DATED this 25 day of January, 2013.



Donald W. Molloy
United States District Court